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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-4)
SUBJECT: SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO aka
Sam Vermiglio, Tony La Rosa,
Sam Rocco, Sam Soan,
Sebastian Vermich, "Banjo Eyes"
AR
OO: Detroit

The 1/17/60 issue of the Milwaukee Journal, Milwaukee, Wis. carried a front-page article which reflected that a notebook and other papers found in the possession of SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO may uncover possible illegal activities of organized crime in the Midwest. The notebook and papers were obtained by INS when VERMIGLIO was arrested Detroit, Mich. 1/13/60 by immigration authorities for illegal entry into U.S. Papers and notebook contained numerous names, addresses and phone numbers, many of which appeared to be in code. VERMIGLIO had been deported to Sicily as an undesirable alien in 1/56 after a long series of arrests and convictions dating back to 1929. He will be given preliminary deportation hearing at Detroit 1/18/60.

A review of the newspaper article infers that VERMIGLIO is a member of a "syndicate" operating in the U.S., Canada and Mexico and deals in "hot whiskey" and "hot cigarettes." The news article indicates that the entries in VERMIGLIO's papers and notebook relate to names and addresses in Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and Mexico.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office became interested in VERMICILIO as a possible suspect in the recent murder of ISADORE (IZZY) POGROB, a local smalltime hoodlum engaged in operating a strip tease cocktail lounge and about whose murder

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the Bureau has been kept currently advised.

On 1/16/60, Milwaukee County Assistant DA [] interviewed VERMIGLIO at the Wayne County Jail, Detroit, Michigan and on the morning of 1/17/60 an agent of the Milwaukee FBI Office talked to [] Confidentially [] advised of the existence and general contents of VERMIGLIO's papers and notebook, the originals of which are in the possession of [] Deputy Inspector, INS, Detroit.

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[] advised that instant papers showed a series of incidents, names and addresses and phone numbers totalling over 100 and approximately eight of which refer to Milwaukee and Wisconsin.

[] who has been very cooperative with the FBI, advised that in his opinion VERMIGLIO is not involved in the murder of IZZY POGROB, but feels that from his study and examination of VERMIGLIO's existing notebook and papers, it is his opinion that VERMIGLIO may have an interest in illegal activities in Wisconsin, although he stated that VERMIGLIO may also have a legitimate business in this area. [] advised that VERMIGLIO denied to [] that he was involved in the theft and transportation of stolen liquor and also denied his implication in the theft or transportation of cigarettes in interstate commerce, but he slightly inferred the possible transportation of cigarettes from one state into another in possible violation of state revenue taxes. VERMIGLIO also told [] that he was acting as a broker for a cheese factory located about 300 miles north of Milwaukee in northern Wisconsin. He refused to divulge the name of the cheese company but the Milwaukee Office is of the opinion that VERMIGLIO may be in contact with the Grande Cheese Company, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. This cheese company is largely owned and operated by one JOHN DI BELLA, who is a personal friend of JOE BONANNO, "top hoodlum," Phoenix OO, and who was recently convicted as an attendee at the Appalachian meeting. JOE BONANNO's wife, FAYE, has a 10% interest in the Grande Cheese Company.

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LEADS

DETROIT: AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

1. Will immediately attempt to review original notebook and personal papers of VERMIGLIO now in possession of INS for any information which may have a bearing on a pending investigation or any information upon which an FBI investigation may be conducted.

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2. Will review its files for any large hi-jackings or thefts of whiskey and cigarettes which may be identified as possible illegal activities of VERMIGLIO.
3. Will consider advisability of interviewing VERMIGLIO for explanations of names, numbers and addresses in his notebook and personal papers.

ST. LOUIS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Will advise Detroit whether the St. Louis area has had any recent hi-jackings or thefts of whiskey and cigarettes.

CHICAGO: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will advise Detroit whether it has had any recent hi-jackings or thefts of whiskey and cigarettes.

There is enclosed for the Bureau and Detroit a copy of the Milwaukee Journal newspaper clipping of 1/17/60 referred to Paragraph 1 this communication.

Notebook of Hoodlum May Be a Crime Key

Pogrob Probers Seek Clues to Syndicate; Dealings in Cigaretts Hinted in Entries

By J. PAUL O'BRIEN
Of The Journal Staff

A notebook found in the car of a Detroit hoodlum, Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, may be an important key in the eventual uncovering of illegal activities of organized criminals throughout the midwest.

Vermiglio was deported as an undesirable alien in January, 1956, after a long series of arrests and convictions dating from 1929. His illegal re-entry into this country came to light in the investigation of the murder of Milwaukee night club owner Isadore (Izzy) Pogrob.

He was arrested at Detroit Wednesday by federal immigration authorities. A hearing on the government's petition to deport him again to his native Sicily is scheduled for Monday at Detroit.

150 Entries in Notebook

There were perhaps 150 entries in the notebook. Some were simply telephone numbers or addresses. Others were nicknames and telephone numbers, or initials and numbers. Some also were street numbers or names of companies, or only single names.

And finally, there were what appeared to be notations on dealings in cigarette and other merchandise, and financial computations in connection with them.

About 50 of the entries in the notebook apparently were related to the Milwaukee area. They included telephone numbers for Milwaukee exchanges ranging from the far south side to northern Milwaukee county suburbs and also Thiensville and Waukesha.

Entries to Be Checked

There also were names and nicknames that might be those of Milwaukeeans.

Francis Croak, an assistant district attorney, and Detective Sgt. John Lavin came back to Milwaukee from Detroit Saturday with a copy of all of the notebook entries. Croak said that all of the possible Milwaukee entries would be checked out through the Wisconsin Telephone Co. and other sources, and that persons referred to in Vermiglio's address record would be called in for questioning.

"They'll have some explaining to do," Croak said.

Under questioning Saturday by Croak and Lavin, Vermiglio denied that he had lived here most of the time for the last year and a half. He admitted that he visited Milwaukee frequently, but said his home was in Detroit where his wife and two children lived.

But, according to Croak, police have information that Vermiglio had been living on Milwaukee's northwest side, using the name and full identification of a Milwaukee man who is being sought for questioning.

Pogrob, 37, owner of the Brass Rail, 744 N. 3rd st., and of Jack's liquor store, 608 N. 3rd st., disappeared early Jan. 6 after a breakfast at the Belmont hotel coffee shop, N. 4th and W. Wells sts. Shot nine times, his body was found the next day in a Mequon ditch.

Croak said that witnesses had told police that Vermiglio was in Milwaukee for several days before and possibly after Pogrob's slaying. But Vermiglio Saturday smiled and refused to answer where he was on or about that time.

"But whether Vermiglio does or does not know anything

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Clues Hunted In in a Notebook

It Has 150 Entries

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about Pogrob's killing eventually may not be as important as the finding of the notebook," Croak said Saturday.

Besides the entries concerning Wisconsin, there were other notations of names, addresses and telephone numbers in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, New York and even Mexico.

The entries, Croak said, could concern interstate and even international activities.

Because of this, the FBI may enter the investigation, not of Pogrob's death but of the activities of a crime syndicate dealing in stolen whisky, cigarette, meat and other merchandise. Authorities here have said that they have information that not only Pogrob but John Di Trapani, Milwaukee tavern owner shot to death in 1954, and possibly Jack Enea, murdered in 1955, were killed because of a possible connection with the operations of such a syndicate.

Cheese Deal Mentioned

Vermiglio said Saturday that he spent a great deal of time in Milwaukee recently because he planned to take an active part in the operation of a cheese firm in a Fox river valley city.

A spokesman for one of the state's largest cheese companies said Saturday night that the firm mentioned by Vermiglio "is rumored in the industry to be controlled by 'the syndicate.'"

"Our salesmen in New York have told of this outfit trying to force all competition out of the New York market," the spokesman said. "There is just no competition at all possible in the Philadelphia market. There have been threats and the FBI is investigating."

Italian-Type Cheese

The companies in question manufacture Italian type cheeses, a market that has boomed with the growing popularity of pizza.

Croak said Saturday it generally was accepted that, in addition to racketeering and other illegal activities, underworld characters were constantly trying to get into legitimate businesses. He suggested that cheese manufacture might be one of these.

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TO: SACS, MILWAUKEE
DETROIT 19

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, AKA., AR. RE MILWAUKEE AIRTEL JANUARY ONE SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX ZERO. DETROIT IN ITS CONTACT WITH INS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING PAPERS AND NOTEDOOK OBTAINED FROM SUBJECT, EXERCISE CARE AND TACT TO ASSURE THAT NO IMPRESSION IS CREATED THAT THE BUREAU IS ATTEMPTING TO TAKE OVER THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER. MILWAUKEE, IN VIEW OF STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO [] BY NEWSPAPERS TO THE EFFECT THAT FBI MIGHT ENTER THIS INVESTIGATION, BE VERY CIRCUMSPECT IN FURTHER CONTACTS WITH HIM TO ASSURE THAT THERE IS NO REPETITION OF THIS TYPE OF INCIDENT.

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NOTE:

Vermiglio had in his possession when arrested for illegal entry at Detroit, January 13, 1960, by INS, papers and a notebook containing numerous names, addresses and telephone numbers indicating possible criminal activities in this country and in Mexico. Newspaper reports indicated possible interstate dealings in cigarettes and other merchandise. Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney, [redacted] interviewed Vermiglio January 17, 1960, because of his interest in him as a possible suspect in a local murder. He advised an Agent of the Milwaukee Office generally of the contents of Vermiglio's notebook. A newspaper clipping submitted by Milwaukee quoted [redacted] as saying that the FBI might enter the investigation of Vermiglio's activities.

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Teletype being used because of time element as Milwaukee has set out lead for Detroit to immediately contact INS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

44-311 Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 12, 1960

FROM: *DAH* SAC, DETROIT (92-530)

SUBJECT: SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka.
 Sam Vermiglio, Tony La Rosa,
 Sam Rocco, Sam Soan, Sebastian
 Vermich, "Banjo Eyes"
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 OO: Detroit

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Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, copies to Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis, dated January 17, 1960, and Bureau teletype to Milwaukee and Detroit dated January 20, 1960.

SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, FBI #451960, was deported to Italy in 1956. He re-entered the United States illegally and reportedly was in the Detroit, Milwaukee or Chicago area. On January 12, 1960, the Detroit FBI Office furnished information to the Detroit Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) based on Informant reports which resulted directly in VERMIGLIO's apprehension by INS at Detroit on January 13, 1960.

As set forth in referenced Milwaukee airtel (a copy of which is enclosed for the information of Cleveland), VERMIGLIO had certain papers on his person at the time of his arrest which appeared to be names, addresses and telephone numbers of various associates and contacts in several United States cities and in foreign countries. This material was made available to the Detroit FBI Office by INS and copies of it are being enclosed for interested Offices.

It is noted that most of VERMIGLIO's contacts appear to be in Detroit, Chicago or Milwaukee, however,

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 2 - Chicago (92-778) (Enclosure 1)
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 2 - Milwaukee (Enclosure 1)
 2 - St. Louis (92-475) (Enclosure 1)
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since in the past it is known that he was active in the Cleveland and St. Louis territories, these Offices are being furnished copies of this enclosure.

Names and addresses in VERMIGLIO's possession which refer to Detroit in some cases are those of well known hoodlums who have been identified in connection with the Top Hoodlum Program. Prior to his deportation, VERMIGLIO was known to be engaged in the smuggling of cigarettes and whiskey as well as being "a connections man" handling other types of stolen merchandise. Some of the notations in VERMIGLIO's papers refer to cigarettes and whiskey and possibly may indicate some of his contacts.

Much of the material taken from VERMIGLIO is not fully described and cannot be connected as to city or state. It is therefore suggested that Offices receiving copies of this communication carefully examine the enclosure with a view toward identifying and checking out names and addresses which are pertinent to their particular area. Since it is possible that this information may have significance in connection with current FBI work, the Bureau's interest should be secured. In conducting this investigation, all Offices should abide by Bureau instructions contained in referenced teletype which states, in part, "Detroit in its contacts with INS for the purpose of reviewing papers and notebooks obtained from Subject, exercise care and tact to assure that no impression is created that the Bureau is attempting to take over investigation of this matter."

In this connection, the INS Office at Detroit has advised that their inquiry into VERMIGLIO's activities would be limited to attempts to determine how and when VERMIGLIO re-entered the United States and who assisted him.

Investigation at Detroit to further identify VERMIGLIO's contacts as indicated by telephone numbers and addresses is continuing. Any pertinent information of interest to other Offices will be furnished as obtained.

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The following is a physical description of Subject:

Name	SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	May 13, 1912
	Italy
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	Black, graying
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium
Detroit Police Dept.	#35443
FBI #	451960

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/15/60

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-447)

SUBJECT: CHANGED; SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka.
 Sam Vermiglio, Tony La Rosa
 Sam Rocco, Sam Soan, Sebastian
 Vermich, "Banjo Eyes", Joseph
 A. La Rosa
 ANTI-RACKETEERING

OO: ~~X~~ Detroit

The title is marked changed to add the name of JOSEPH ANTHONY LA ROSA, which name the Subject used on the certificate of title of the car which he used while employed as a salesman.

RE: Milwaukee airtel to Director 1/17/60; Bureau teletype to Milwaukee and Detroit 1/20/60, and Detroit Airtel to Director 2/12/60.

Inquiries conducted by the Milwaukee Office at the Milwaukee PD, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, and local office of INS have produced the following information:

Subject VERMIGLIO deported from Chicago, Ill., via Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to Italy on 1/6/56 for violation of Section 241, (A) (4), Moral Turpitude, and Section 241 (A) (11), Narcotics. When the Subject was taken into custody on 1/6/56, he was living as husband and wife with one [redacted] formerly [redacted] at [redacted]

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Information was received by the Immigration Service on 9/1/57 that the Subject was attempting to re-enter the US illegally by way of Venezuela and Mexico.

Information was also received that [redacted] had obtained a US passport dated 1/18/56, which was valid for

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two years. This was passport No. [redacted] issued under the name of [redacted]. It has been known that she visited the Subject in Rome, Italy, and lived with him at the home of [redacted]

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[redacted] is described as follows:

Age	35
Height	5'6"
Build	Tall and slender
Hair	Brunette
Occupation	Waitress
Social Sec.	[redacted]

On February 25, 1959, the INS at Detroit received rumors that the Subject was already in the US, and that he had made illegal entry. This fact was confirmed on October 6, 1959, and it was indicated that the Subject was operating between Chicago and Detroit.

On January 11, 1960, the Subject was brought to the attention of INS, inasmuch as he was a suspect in the murder of ISADOR POGROB in Milwaukee on January 6, 1960.

On January 13, 1960, the Subject was taken into custody at Detroit, Michigan by INS while he was sitting at Benney's Bar and Bowling Alleys in the vicinity of Conant Avenue and Eight Mile Road. Upon search, it was developed that the Subject had 14 \$100 bills concealed in a hidden compartment of his wallet. It was later determined that the \$100 bills were genuine and not counterfeit. Upon interview the Subject stated that he was driving a 1959 Pontiac bearing 1959 Wisconsin license DL 9573. On the Subject's person there were found a Social Security card, number 298-01-5722, issued to JOSEPH A. LA ROSA, 2515 West Alvina Street, Milwaukee, and Wisconsin driver's license number 5662, also issued to JOSEPH LA ROSA. Also in his possession was a Wisconsin certificate of title to the above-mentioned Pontiac, which title was listed to JOE A. LA ROSA, 7510 West Silver Spring Road, Milwaukee, Wis. This indicated that the Subject was using the name and alias of JOSEPH LA ROSA.

Subject was taken to the Wayne County Jail in Detroit, Mich. and held for the INS on an illegal entry charge.

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An inquiry conducted by the PD in Milwaukee, Wis., reflected that one [redacted] stated that her husband is a truck driver and had lost his billfold about one year ago. Further investigation at Milwaukee developed that 7510 W. Silver Spring Road is the home of the Spring Soogo Food Products Co., and also a supermarket which is [redacted] [redacted] is occupied by [redacted] Upon interview they stated that they were not acquainted with the Subject.

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Information was received by the INS at Detroit, Mich. through a reliable source that the Subject had left Rome, Italy 1½ years ago, had come to London, then to Canada, and subsequently illegally entered the US from Windsor, Ontario, to Detroit, Mich. This has not yet been verified.

Inasmuch as Subject VERMIGLIO was a suspect in the POGROB murder case, he was brought to Milwaukee on January 29, 1960 and lodged in the Milwaukee County Jail under \$25,000 Federal bail bond. He was brought to Milwaukee on a charge of "Fraudulently obtaining title to a motor vehicle." The Subject was subsequently arraigned in the Milwaukee County District Court, and he was brought to the Municipal Court, and held on an additional \$10,000 bond.

Officials of the Milwaukee PD who have been investigating this case advised that the charge of "Fraudulently obtaining a motor vehicle title" was merely used as an excuse to bring the Subject to Milwaukee for questioning about the POGROB gang-land style murder which occurred in Milwaukee on January 7, 1960.

On January 27, 1960, [redacted] an assistant Milwaukee County District Attorney, advised that his office had obtained the following information concerning the activities of VERMIGLIO. VERMIGLIO was in the employ of one [redacted] of Soogo (SUGGO) Food Products Company, 7510

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W. Silver Spring Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The other partner is TONY LA ROSA, owner and operator of the Prize Steak Products Company, 2478 North Richards Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. VERMIGLIO and TONY LA ROSA are former criminal associates, both being subjects in the case entitled JOSEPH CHARLES GUANNIERE, aka., et al, TFIS, OO St. Louis, Mi file 26-5169, Bufile 15-27662.

[redacted] at this address in conjunction with the above Soogo Products Co. The Soogo Products Co. furnishes supplies, meats, sausages, cheese, and other ingredients used by pizza restaurants. It is believed that the combined gross income of [redacted] and the Soogo Products Co. equal approximately between \$300,000 and \$400,000 every year.

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[redacted] advised that the above-named [redacted] hired VERMIGLIO as a salesman and knew him only as JOSEPH A. LA ROSA. [redacted] insisted that he did not know his true name and that the Subject was in the US illegally. [redacted] allegedly purchased the 1959 Pontiac car for the business, but put the automobile in the Subject's name. He stated that the Subject was on his payroll as a salesman under the name of JOSEPH A. LA ROSA.

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[redacted] further advised that while in Milwaukee and Detroit, the Subject kept company with one [redacted] also known as [redacted] and that she visited the Subject several times in Italy after his deportation in 1956. [redacted] stated that in his estimation VERMIGLIO re-entered the US about 1½ years ago by way of South America and Mexico, and that [redacted] met him in Mexico and then both went to Las Vegas, Nevada for a "cooling off period," and Subject commenced operating as a food products salesman in the Detroit, Chicago and Milwaukee areas.

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[redacted] advised that he attempted to interview TONY LA ROSA, the above-mentioned criminal associate of VERMIGLIO, but that TONY LA ROSA refused to be interviewed on the advice of his attorney, [redacted]

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On February 17, 1960, [redacted] and Mr. HUGH O'CONNELL, Assistant District Attorneys of Milwaukee County, advised that after some legal fencing, they questioned VERMIGLIO concerning the POGROB murder

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and even gave him a lie detector test at the State Criminal Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin. Messrs. [] and O'CONNELL advised that in their opinion VERMIGLIO did not shoot or assist in the killing of POGROB, and that he had nothing to do with several other gang-land style murders perpetrated in Milwaukee in the past few years. They advised that inasmuch as VERMIGLIO had co-operated with the Milwaukee authorities in the POGROB case, the charge of "fraudulently obtaining a certificate of title" was dismissed in the Milwaukee District Court. They advised that immediately after the dismissal of the state charges, the Subject was again taken into custody by INS, and that he will eventually again be deported to Italy.

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Concerning the names and addresses found in VERMIGLIO's possession, the following were identified as pertinent in the Milwaukee area:

Milwaukee phone nos.

Listed to

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Jerry's Standard Service, 1718 W.
Fond du Lac - []

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DI. 2-9964

Pay phone at 725 N. 13th St.

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[] (Res.)
(Former criminal associate of
VERMIGLIO)

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BR. 2-1398

Mama Lu's Pizzeria, 932 E. Brady

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LO. 2-4690

Prize Steaks Products Co., 2478 N.
Richards (Owned and operated by
TONY LA ROSA)

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EV. 3-9868

Pay phone at 1724 S. 7th St.

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LO. 2-9747

Rose's Dinnette, 505 W. Vine

[redacted]

[redacted] (no address)

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

DI. 2-0142

Herman's Meat Market, 2332 W. State

[redacted]

[redacted]

For the information of the Detroit Office, the information contained in Detroit communication to Milwaukee, that one [redacted] a Milwaukee gangster is connected in some way with the POGROB killing, was given to officials of the Milwaukee PD who are investigating this case. They advised that they know of no one in the Milwaukee area known as [redacted]. They advised that a search of their "nickname file" also was negative as to this name.

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Local officials in the Milwaukee area have advised that in the event their investigation develops information that a violation has been committed over which the FBI has jurisdiction, they will immediately notify the Milwaukee FBI Office.

Copies of this letter are designated for Chicago, Cleveland, and Detroit inasmuch as the Subject is known to have operated in those areas.

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SAC, Milwaukee (92-147)

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REC-121 Director, FBI (92-4513)-4

SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka.
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Information has been confidentially received

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In order to protect the confidential nature of the Bureau's source, information disseminated concerning this matter should be limited to stating that there is no knowledge of such a cablegram as referred to above and that Vermiglio, according to a reliable source, has not left Sicily since his deportation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/17/61

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-147)

SUBJECT: SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka
AR
OO - Detroit

On April 12, 1961, Sgt. [redacted]
Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA JAMES E.
MC ARDLE that [redacted]

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[redacted] to Italy within the past year.
According to [redacted] to get
VERMIGLIO back into the United States legally.

[redacted] informant, whom he has not identified other
than to say that the informant was [redacted]

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[redacted] When questioned
by [redacted] informant as to how [redacted]

[redacted] added
that [redacted] and informant may have mistaken
INS for FBI. He also advised VERMIGLIO is very angry
at some persons in this country who did not send him
money to Italy in accordance with a prior agreement
for narcotics shipments and [redacted] and his informant
feel certain that if VERMIGLIO gets back into the
United States at least one and perhaps two people in
Milwaukee will be murdered.

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[] also advised that "lie box" tests showed VERMIGLIO was familiar with all details surrounding at least three gang-style murders in Milwaukee in the recent past; i.e., JACK ENEA, JOHN DI TRAPANI and ISADOR POGROB. [] according to [] returned to Detroit with a stop-over in Chicago and on arrival in Detroit []

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Sgt. [] has asked, in an effort to verify his informant's information and to be fully abreast of the VERMIGLIO situation, if it would be possible for the FBI to verify the receipt of a cablegram by the Bureau or INS relative to VERMIGLIO living in Canada under an assumed name and whether [] actually puts her home up for sale as has been reported to him.

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The Bureau, as a matter of police cooperation, is requested to endeavor to determine if the Bureau or INS received a cablegram from an unknown source wherein there is information reflected that subject is living in Canada as is indicated above.

Detroit is requested to make an appropriate check and determine if [] actually does put her home up for sale as is indicated above she would do.

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9/9/75 advised
his agency has rec'd
no such message; further
that he was in touch with

INS source, []
should be severely limited to
no² knowledge of such a message as
referred to and that Vermiglio, according
to a reliable source, has not left
freely since his deportation.
JMT
4/28/61

is put back to police

May 17, 1961

A I R T E L

To: SAC, Detroit (92-530)
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From: Director, FBI (92-4613) 5

SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka;
ANTI-RACKETEERING
OO:DETROIT
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Reurlet 5/9/61.

Disseminate information contained in relet to INS at Detroit. In addition, submit this information to the Bureau in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination by 5/24/61.

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(4) *[Handwritten initials]*

NOTE: Vermiglio was deported to Italy in 1956. On January 13, 1960, he was arrested by INS, Detroit, and again deported. Recent information has been received that subject is again attempting to reenter the United States through Canada. Some unknown congressman or senator will allegedly introduce a bill in Congress to allow subject to legally remain in this country. DE is being instructed to furnish this information to INS locally and to submit a memorandum suitable for dissemination to INS headquarters.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 9, 1961

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (92-530)

SUBJECT: SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka.
AR
OO: Detroit

Re Milwaukee letter to Bureau, 4/17/61.

The following is submitted for the information of the Bureau:

On April 24, 1961, [redacted] was requested to get information about SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO and the possibility he might have returned to the United States. On the evening of April 26, 1961, [redacted] advised as follows: (It is noted CI has furnished reliable information in the past about VERMIGLIO and his activities.)

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At the time VERMIGLIO was deported in February, 1960, his attorney from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who probably handled VERMIGLIO's case offered VERMIGLIO a deal whereby in return for \$25,000.00 payment VERMIGLIO would be allowed to remain in the United States legally. VERMIGLIO was interested in this proposition, but turned it down because the \$25,000.00 had to be paid in advance without any proof that the desired results would be obtained.

The Source indicated that it was his understanding that a bill could be introduced in Congress which if passed would give VERMIGLIO the right to stay in this country legally. The "connections man" was an [redacted]

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[Handwritten signature]

[redacted]
[redacted] The plan was for the Congressman to introduce a bill in Congress on VERMIGLIO's behalf. It would not necessarily have to be a separate bill, but could be a rider added on to some other bill which bill was pretty sure of passing.

The Source said he did not know the identity of [redacted] He indicated, however, that VERMIGLIO in the past [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] The above information is furnished since it possibly might explain [redacted] as mentioned in referenced letter.

[redacted]
[redacted] The Source said [redacted]

[redacted] The Source said he got the idea [redacted] It was his opinion that since [redacted] The Source indicated he had no knowledge of [redacted]

Regarding information in referenced letter that [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following:

He understood a cablegram coming from Italy to someone in the United States had been intercepted by some federal agency, possibly in Chicago, Illinois. This communication was supposed to have contained information that VERMIGLIO was in Canada. The cablegram was supposedly sent by someone named [redacted]. He was unable to furnish any additional information along these lines except to indicate that he first heard about the cablegram being intercepted about six weeks ago.

On May 1, 1961, [] Chief of Investigations, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Detroit, contacted the Detroit FBI Office and said he had received information from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that VERMIGLIO was trying to get back into the United States legally. He indicated that his agency files on VERMIGLIO indicated that SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO possibly was in Canada and occasionally coming into the United States. He said that INS had conducted no active investigation in this regard except that they had been attempting to determine whether or not VERMIGLIO was still in Italy or if he had left that country.

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[] remarked that the only possible way that VERMIGLIO could re-enter the United States legally would be for some member of Congress to sponsor VERMIGLIO by introducing a bill in his behalf. He said this was a rather common procedure. In VERMIGLIO's case, he said there was no indication this was being done. He based his opinion on the fact that whenever such a bill is being contemplated, the Subject's file is pulled and reviewed usually as a result of an inquiry from Washington. He said VERMIGLIO's file has not yet been called for.

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In further explaining the "private bill", [] said that often times the bill is prepared and ready to go. The Subject then enters the United States illegally. Nothing is done about the bill until he is caught or arrested. The bill is then introduced immediately. The fact that a bill is pending in Congress would be sufficient grounds to keep the Subject from being deported and often is enough to keep the Subject in the United States indefinitely.

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A review of VERMIGLIO's identification record under FBI Number 451960 indicates an arrest by the Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department September 28, 1929, for stealing and receiving an auto. This arrest was under the name SAM ROCCO, Omaha Police Department Number 13541. Disposition is shown as 1-3 years in the reformatory at Lincoln, Nebraska. This identification record shows no other arrest for VERMIGLIO at Omaha, Nebraska.

For the information of Chicago and Omaha, who did not receive copies of referenced letter, the Milwaukee Office advised that [] of the Milwaukee Police Department furnished information that [] had been in Milwaukee on April 8, 1961, to arrange for an intermediary to handle negotiations between VERMIGLIO and one []

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[] Information was also furnished that VERMIGLIO
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was indicated
that INS may have been mistaken for the FBI. Information
was also furnished that [REDACTED] returned to Detroit
with a stopover in Chicago and on arrival in Detroit [REDACTED]

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No active investigation regarding VERMIGLIO is being conducted, however, it is possible that investigation directed toward gathering criminal intelligence in the Anti-Racketeering classification will be requested at a subsequent date.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4513)

DATE: May 23, 1961

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (92-530)

SUBJECT: SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka.;
ANTI-RACKETEERING

(OO: DETROIT)

Re Milwaukee letter to the Bureau dated 4/17/61;
Detroit letter to the Bureau dated 5/9/61; and Bureau airtel
to Detroit dated 5/17/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies
of a letterhead memorandum regarding SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO,
dated as above.

It is noted that in addition to the information
furnished to the Bureau in referenced Detroit letter, on
May 8, 1961, additional information was furnished by the
same Informant and has been included in the letterhead
memorandum.

All information regarding VERMIGLIO has been
disseminated to the Immigration and Naturalization Service
(INS), Detroit, Michigan.

The Detroit Informant who furnished the informa-
tion concerning VERMIGLIO is [redacted] whose identity is
known to the Bureau. The identity of the Informant who fur-
nished information to the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Depart-
ment is unknown to the Bureau.

For information of the Bureau, [redacted] Chief,
Investigations, INS, Detroit, has advised that although his
office recently received information from Italy indicating
that VERMIGLIO is still in Italy, it is quite possible he is
presently in the United States. [redacted] indicated informa-
tion had been received second-hand and that none of the INS
officers in Italy had personally observed VERMIGLIO. [redacted]
further noted that INS Headquarters had just now issued
instructions for INS men in Italy to personally check and
verify VERMIGLIO's presence there.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan
May 23, 1961

Sebastian Vermiglio

Sebastian Vermiglio has a long police record under FBI Number 451960. This arrest record dates from 1929 and includes convictions for grand larceny, car theft, violation of the narcotics laws and counterfeiting. Vermiglio was deported to Italy for the second time after he had been apprehended by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Office, Detroit, Michigan, on January 12, 1960.

On April 12, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department, furnished information to the FBI Office at Milwaukee that [redacted]

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[redacted] to Italy in 1960. According to [redacted] to get Vermiglio back into the United States legally.

[redacted] further advised that he had received information from a confidential source, whose identity and reliability are unknown to the FBI, that [redacted]

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According to this source, [redacted]

[redacted] This source stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] indicated that [redacted] and his confidential source may have mistaken INS for the FBI.

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Sebastian Vermiglio

[redacted] said that [redacted] had returned to Detroit, Michigan, with a stopover in Chicago, Illinois, and upon her arrival in Detroit [redacted]

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On April 26, 1961, a second confidential source, who is acquainted with Vermiglio and who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the Detroit FBI with the following information concerning Sebastian Vermiglio and his attempts to re-enter the United States:

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At the time Vermiglio was deported early in 1960, he was represented by an attorney from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This attorney offered Vermiglio a deal whereby in return for a \$25,000.00 payment Vermiglio would be allowed to remain in the United States legally. Vermiglio was interested in this proposition but turned it down because the \$25,000.00 had to be paid in advance without any proof that the desired results would be obtained.

The source indicated that it was his understanding that a bill could be introduced in Congress which, if passed, would give Vermiglio the right to stay in this country legally. The "connections" man was an [redacted]

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Sebastian Vermiglio

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Regarding whether or not [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the source said

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[REDACTED] The source was of the opinion that perhaps

[REDACTED]

On May 22, 1961, source advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Regarding information concerning an intercepted cablegram which might have disclosed Vermiglio's presence in Canada, the source said that he understood a cablegram from Italy to the United States had been intercepted by some Federal Agency, possibly in Chicago, Illinois. This cablegram was supposed to have contained information that Vermiglio was in Canada. The cablegram was supposedly sent by someone named [REDACTED]. The source was unable to furnish any additional information about the cablegram except that he was of the opinion it was sent the latter part of March or the first part of April, 1961.

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On May 8, 1961, the source said that he had received information that [REDACTED]

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Sebastian Vermiglio

On May 1, 1961, [] Chief of Investigations, INS, Detroit, advised that in his opinion the only possible way Vermiglio could re-enter the United States legally would be for some member of Congress to sponsor Vermiglio by introducing a bill in his behalf. He said this was a rather common procedure. In Vermiglio's case, he said there was no indication this was being done. He based his opinion on the fact that whenever such a bill is being contemplated, the individual's file is pulled and reviewed usually as a result of an inquiry from Washington. He said Vermiglio's file has not yet been called for.

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The FBI has no knowledge of any cablegram concerning Vermiglio such as referred to above; also, the FBI has received information from a reliable source that Vermiglio has not left Sicily since his deportation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/30/62

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-107) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH SELFERT, aka.;
SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka.
AR
OO: Milwaukee

Enclosed are 3 copies of report of SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON, Milwaukee, dated 3/30/62.

No dissemination of this report has been made to USA, Milwaukee. The Bureau will note that the information in this report has come substantially from [redacted] Milwaukee PD, who has excellent informants, and who has requested that his information be restricted to the Bureau, because through certain items some of his informants could be compromised. [redacted] has stated that, in the event his informants are found out, they will probably be killed, because the Mafia is at the very heart of this matter.

UACB, the enclosed report will not be furnished to USA, Milwaukee, but this case will be investigated strictly as an intelligence matter. In the event violations are uncovered, separate cases will be opened and reports furnished to the USA.

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Date: April 13, 1962

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-107) (P)
SUBJECT: JOSEPH SEIFERT, aka;
SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka
AR

OO: Milwaukee

Re report SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON dated 3-30-62.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a letterhead memorandum setting out the characterizations of the informants covered by T Symbols in re report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-107

JOSEPH SEIFERT, aka;
SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka
AR

OO: Milwaukee

Characterization of Informants.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CINCINNATI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 5/24/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/19 - 5/14/62
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH SEIFERT, Aka.; SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, Aka.		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY jaw b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

REFERENCE:Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/26/62, at Cincinnati. b6
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LEADS:NEW YORK DIVISIONAT NEW YORK CITY

One copy designated for information of New York in the event the Office of Origin requests New York to interview SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date: 5/24/62

Office: CINCINNATI

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Field Office File No.: CI 92-556

Bureau File No.: 92-4513

Title: JOSEPH SEIFERT;
SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Sharwell
Tobacco Company, Columbus, Ohio, advises never heard of cigarettes
being shipped out of state by this company. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] former employees of Sharwell Tobacco
Company, refused to be interviewed except in presence of attorney.

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DETAILS:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

[redacted] advised April 20, 1962, that he was employed as [redacted] with the Sharwell Tobacco Company for [redacted] until the business folded in 1961. In such capacity [redacted]

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[redacted] He stated he does not recall any shipments of cigarettes going out of state and never heard of any such shipments. He stated he had never received any information that SHERMAN SHARWELL shipped cigarettes out of state. He also advised he has no information that any cigarette tax stamps were counterfeited by SHARWELL.

[redacted] of the Sharwell Tobacco Company, advised April 19, 1962, that he would not be interviewed except in the presence of Attorney [redacted]

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It is to be noted that the law firm of Topper and Alloway also represents SHERMAN SHARWELL in the current suits by the State of Ohio against him.